

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

MEDTRONIC, INC., AND MEDTRONIC VASCULAR, INC.
Petitioners,

v.

TELEFLEX INNOVATIONS S.A.R.L.
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2020-00135
Patent RE45,776E

**PATENT OWNER'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR
PRO HAC VICE ADMISSION OF TARA C. NORGARD**

Pursuant to the Notice in this case authorizing the parties to file motions for *pro hac vice* admission under 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c), Patent Owner Teleflex hereby respectfully moves for the *pro hac vice* admission of Tara C. Norgard due to her experience representing the Patent Owner in other patent-related matters concerning the GuideLiner technology and her familiarity with the technical and substantive issues involved in this proceeding. The parties have conferred, and the Petitioner does not oppose this Motion.

In support of this motion, Patent Owner states as follows:

The Board may recognize counsel *pro hac vice* upon a showing of good cause, subject to the condition that lead counsel be a registered practitioner and to any other conditions the Board may impose. 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c). A motion for *pro hac vice* admission may be granted where a party shows that “counsel is an experienced litigating attorney and has an established familiarity with the subject matter at issue in the proceeding.” *Id.*

Good cause exists under 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c) for the *pro hac vice* admission of Tara C. Norgard as backup co-counsel in this matter. Ms. Norgard has represented Teleflex in a related patent infringement action in the District of Minnesota (Civil Action. No. 19-cv-1760 (PJS/TNL), filed July 2, 2019) involving the same parties and the same patent at issue in this proceeding. Ms. Norgard has

also assisted the lead counsel representing the Patent Owner in this IPR, Derek Vandenburg.

As a result of these experiences, Ms. Norgard has developed a deep familiarity with the patents at issue and the Petitioner's validity challenges, and the Patent Owner wishes to have Ms. Norgard continue representing it in this matter before the Board.

The Patent Owner has invested significant financial resources in the related proceedings described above, in which Ms. Norgard has served as counsel. If this motion was denied, the Patent Owner would be prejudiced because it would have to undertake the burdensome and costly task of educating another attorney regarding the patent at issue in this proceeding, and the related evidence. The Patent Owner respectfully requests that the Board avoid this prejudice and grant this Motion.

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c), Mr. Vandenburg, a registered practitioner, will remain as lead counsel in this matter. Mr. Vandenburg is a partner at Carlson Caspers, the same law firm that is representing the Patent Owner in the related federal court action involving the patent at issue here, as well as the patents at issue in the related instituted *inter partes* review proceedings. Ms. Norgard has worked with Mr. Vandenburg on other similar matters.

Pursuant to the order in this IPR authorizing motions for *pro hac vice* and the requirements of the “Order -- Authorizing Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission” Case IPR2013-00639, Paper 7, this Motion is also supported by the Declaration of Tara C. Norgard (Exhibit 2217), filed herewith.

In the Declaration of Tara C. Norgard (Ex. 2217), Ms. Norgard attests that she has read and will comply with the Patent Office Trial Practice Guide and the Board’s Rules of Practice set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 42. Ms. Norgard further attests that she agrees to be subject to the USPTO’s Rules of Professional Conduct as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 *et seq.* and disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a).

For the foregoing reasons, and in view of the Declaration submitted herewith, Patent Owner submits that good cause exists for the *pro hac vice* admission of Tara C. Norgard and respectfully requests that the Board grant this motion.

Dated: October 30, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

/ J. Derek Vandenburg /

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